

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2004
7:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank Hansen at 7:03 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Frank Hansen, Deputy Mayor Terry Anderson, Councilmembers Chris Wythe, Ralph Shape, and Joe Brennan. Excused absences: Councilmembers Gene Fisher and Don DeHan.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Rayburn, City Manager; Judith Cary, City Clerk; Julie Elsensohn, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Mike McCarty, Finance Director; Dale Schroeder, Public Works Manager Major Projects; MaryAnn Cromwell, Fire Department Administrative Assistant; Kit Ledbetter, Parks & Recreation Director; Lawrence Ellis, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; Curt Brees, Parks Operations Supervisor; Pat Patterson, Facilities Director; Bob Meyer, Fire Chief; and Scott Somers, Chief of Police Services.

FLAG SALUTE: (*The Flag Salute was performed at the preceding Study Session*).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: J.B. Freer, 18925 37th Avenue South, reiterated concerns re: 1) speeding on South 188th Street and not stopping at the traffic light; 2) increased vandalism and break-ins in her neighborhood. In talking with her neighbors, they feel there is not enough police presences; 3) high speed of patrol cars responding to calls on South 188th Street; and 4) requested the City do more to keep City property clear of trash and overgrown vegetation. Mayor Hansen stated that staff will address her concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** in the amount of \$310,821.39 for the period ended April 5, 2004.
- **Approval of employee vouchers** in the amount of \$604,186.41 for the period ended March 31, 2004.
- **Approval of summary of \$5,000 - \$25,000 purchase requests** for the period ended April 9, 2004.
- **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**
- **Joint City Council / Planning Commission Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Work Session** held March 30, 2004.
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Acceptance of Advisory Committee Minutes:

- **Human Services Advisory Committee Meeting** held February 23, 2004 (Committee approved March 15, 2004).
- **Planning Commission Meeting** held March 8, 2004 (Commission approved March 22, 2004).
- **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting** held February 19, 2004 (Committee approved March 25, 2004).

Approval of the following Agenda Items recommended at the April 13, 2004 Study Session for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #2424

A Motion approving the purchase of a new Generator for Fire Station 45

Summary: This Motion approves the purchase of a generator and transfer switch to replace the existing generator, which is over 20 years old and does not function properly. It also has no appropriate transfer switch, which recently caused several circuits in the station to burn out.

The generator is being purchased from Pacific Detroit Diesel under State Contract. The State Contract cost of the generator and transfer switch is \$33,752.60. Negotiating with the supplier has reduced the cost to \$28,397. The total amount is \$33,985.53 with tax and contingency. Anticipated installation costs are approximately \$20,000, making the total installation near \$53,985.53. The amount of \$70,000 for the generator and transfer switch was approved as a decision card in the 2004 budget process.

Agenda Bill #2406; Ordinance #04-1006

An Ordinance amending the 2004 Annual Budget for Salary and Benefit Increases

Summary: This Ordinance amends the 2004 Annual Budget to provide for salary and benefit increases for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2919 represented Fire Department employees, pursuant to the 2004-2006 collective bargaining agreement between the City of SeaTac and Local 2919.

When the 2004 Annual Budget was developed in the fall of 2003, salary and benefits were budgeted at 2003 levels for IAFF Local 2919 represented Fire Department employees since a labor contract was not yet in place for 2004. A Resolution approving the collective bargaining contract was passed by the Council on February 10, 2004, and

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

Agenda Bill #2406 (Continued): the contract was ratified with IAFF Local 2919. It is appropriate at this time to amend the 2004 Budget to provide appropriation authority in the Fire Department budget for the resulting salary and benefit increases. A contingency amount of \$300,000 was appropriated in the Non-Departmental section of the General Fund in the 2004 Budget to provide for the estimated cost of the settlement. Therefore, this Ordinance transfers appropriations from one department to another and has no impact on the General Fund budget.

The budget impact of the cost of living adjustment (COLA) and additional Kelly days is approximately \$111,000. In addition, the bargaining agreement provides that the City will buy back holiday leave time over a three-year period beginning in 2004. The estimated cost for 2004 is \$97,000. The calculation for holiday hours paid will be determined based on the holiday leave balances as of September 30, 2004. The total cost of the agreement in 2004 is approximately \$208,000. A second Budget Amendment Ordinance to transfer appropriation authority from Non-Departmental to the Fire Department for the actual cost of the holiday leave buy back program will occur later this year. The City is contractually committed to the costs associated with these salary and benefit increases.

Agenda Bill #2420

A Motion authorizing Final Acceptance of the McMicken Heights Elementary Play Yard Improvements Project

Summary: This Motion authorizes acceptance of completion of the McMicken Heights Elementary Play Yard Improvement Project. Improvements included asphalt play court extension, new loop path, installation of a drinking fountain, new access path, installation of basketball hoops, relocation of existing tetherball post, play area preparation, installation of a new backstop, line fence, dugout fences, gates and player benches.

Council awarded the construction contract on November 25, 2003 for the total amount not to exceed \$70,554.30. The construction cost from Wyser Construction is \$70,338.46. The construction project was completed on March 31, 2004. Final acceptance will have no fiscal impact beyond payment of retainage as budgeted.

Agenda Bill #2421

A Motion authorizing Final Acceptance of the Landscape installation at the City Maintenance Facility

Summary: This Motion authorizes acceptance of completion of landscape installation. The work was completed by TruGreen Landcare at the facility. The work included irrigation installation, placement of topsoil and rock, grading and installation of plantings.

The construction contract was awarded on June 24, 2003 in the amount of \$135,863 which included a one percent contingency and sales tax. The total construction cost is \$120,521.41, including all change orders and sales tax. Change orders that resulted in reduced total cost included the use of existing topsoil following a screening/amendment process and the placement of landscape boulders that were on site within the landscape rather than supplying additional boulders. Acceptance starts a one-year period for guarantees and warranties by TruGreen Landcare of the work performed under this contract.

Agenda Bill #2418

A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Agreements with the Port of Seattle (POS) and City of Burien to preserve the Seike Japanese Garden

Summary: This Motion authorizes the execution of a License Agreement with the POS and an Agreement with the City of Burien to preserve the Seike Japanese Garden in place throughout 2004 and 2005 pursuant to raising funds to relocate the garden.

Since 2002, the City has actively pursued several options to acquire and relocate the garden in whole or in part to the Highline Botanical Garden. Funding requests have been submitted to the Washington State Legislature that are hoped to be approved in 2005.

In August 2003, the City proposed to the POS and Burien that the City assume responsibility for managing the garden in place. Estimated operating costs are approximately \$10,000 annually. On April 5, 2004, the Burien City Council approved the draft Agreement to contribute \$5,000 per year for up to four years toward the cost of keeping the garden in place.

Following Council direction provided March 23, 2004, modifications were made to the draft License Agreement to limit City liability for hazardous waste contamination, on which the POS has subsequently concurred.

The capital and operating expenses are projected to occur in 2004 and 2005. Potential cumulative liability for plants will be limited to \$100,000. The City would store portable artifacts for safekeeping.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

MOVED BY SHAPE, SECONDED BY WYTHE TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no New Business items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Rayburn had the following items of business: 1) the POS is hosting a tour of Concourse A at the Airport on Tuesday, April 20 to commence at 8:00 a.m. with speeches and refreshments and the tour to follow at 8:30 a.m.; 2) There will be a third Annual Homeland Security Workshop for Elected Officials on May 3 at the Marriott Hotel, at 8:30 a.m.; and 3) there was a serious vehicle accident today around 7:00 a.m. on South 173rd Street going west to 32nd Avenue South involving a pickup truck. The driver apparently had a seizure, drove through the fence of the Windsor Heights Apartment complex, crossed the parking lot and crashed into a parked vehicle. Both vehicles ended up penetrating the east wall of the complex. The driver was taken to the hospital. The Fire Department and Building Staff were on the scene most of the day. The two vehicles have been extracted from the building which had to be shored up where the vehicle ran into it. The City offered to assist the five or six units of tenants who were evacuated. However, relocation was provided by the apartment complex manager.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Wythe stated that an outreach meeting was held on April 2 at Darlene and John Thompson's home, with representatives from the Windsor Heights Apartments, the Somali community, some former Councilmembers, and some Burien Councilmembers, discussing ways to improve communication between the City and local residents who do not generally become involved in local politics. Many good ideas were shared. He has scheduled additional meetings with some of the local schools regarding their involvement with community outreach. He invited the Council, staff and public to attend any or all. If interested, he stated to contact Darlene Thompson or him.

Councilmember Anderson stated that at the Joint Council/Planning Commission (PC) Meeting, there were two items not discussed due to the Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (WTF) Meeting running longer than expected. She wondered if Council planned to schedule another meeting to address the items. Mayor Hansen stated that these items need to be addressed and requested the City Manager see that they are taken care of; and 2) she planned to attend the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) dinner meeting tomorrow night (April 14) and wondered if any Council or staff were going.

Councilmember Shape stated that the Position Vacancy Review Board (PVRB) recommended hiring the following: a Civil Engineer I, a Probationary Maintenance Worker and a replacement of the Planning Intern, all funded from non-General Fund money. This was brought to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee Meeting, which also recommended the hiring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hansen adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Frank Hansen, Mayor

Judith L. Cary, City Clerk